

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
WESTERN DIVISION

ORDER DIRECTING PLAINTIFF TO FILE A NON-PRISONER
IN FORMA PAUPERIS AFFIDAVIT OR PAY THE \$400 CIVIL FILING FEE

On July 18, 2018, Plaintiff Emmanel Crawford, who was, at the time, incarcerated at the Federal Correctional Institution in Memphis, Tennessee, filed a *pro se* civil complaint and a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1 & 2.) The Court issued an order on October 12, 2018, granting leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and assessing the civil filing fee pursuant to the Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA), 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(a)-(b). (ECF No. 4.) However, a few days later, on October 18, 2018, Crawford notified the Clerk he had been released. (ECF No. 5.)

Under the PLRA, a prisoner bringing a civil action must pay the full filing fee of \$350 required by 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The statute merely provides the prisoner the opportunity to make a “downpayment” of a partial filing fee and pay the remainder in monthly installments. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b). However, in this case, no part of the filing fee

was paid prior to Crawford's release. Under these circumstances, the Sixth Circuit has held "the obligation to pay the remainder of the fees is to be determined solely on the question of whether the released individual qualifies for pauper status." *McGore v. Wrigglesworth*, 114 F.3d 601, 613 (6th Cir. 1997), *partially overruled on other grounds by LaFountain v. Harry*, 716 F.3d 944, 951 (6th Cir. 2013).

Crawford is ORDERED to submit, on or before February 27, 2019, either a non-prisoner *in forma pauperis* affidavit or the entire \$400 civil filing fee.¹ The Clerk shall mail Crawford a copy of the non-prisoner *in forma pauperis* affidavit form along with this order.

Failure to comply with this order in a timely manner will result in the dismissal of this action without further notice, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b), for failure to prosecute.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

s/ James D. Todd
JAMES D. TODD
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ The civil filing fee is \$350. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). Under § 1914(b) and the Schedule of Fees set out following the statute, an administrative fee of \$50 for filing any civil case also is required. Because that additional \$50 fee does not apply if leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is granted, only the \$350 fee was assessed in the October 12, 2018, order. If Plaintiff does not renew his pauper status and chooses to pay the filing fee in full, he must pay the entire \$400 fee.